

August 4, 2021

Ms. Kathleen M. Allen,


I am writing to request an opinion about outside employment as a Civil Service employee. I am currently employed with the Louisiana Department of Health. I work as the Director of Psychology Services at Pinecrest Supports Services Center(PSSC) and have been employed at PSSC for the past 7 years. I am a Licensed Clinical Psychologist in the state of Louisiana.

My role at PSSC encompasses the supervision of unlicensed Doctoral Level Psychology Postdoctoral Fellows and Masters Level trained Associates to a Psychologist (ATAPs). We provide assessment, therapy and support to individuals residing in a state Intermediate Care Facility. Individuals supported at PSSC must have a diagnosis of Intellectual/Developmental Disability in addition to medical, behavioral, and psychiatric conditions.

Myself and three of my current PSSC co-workers who are also employed at PSSC are preparing to open a private psychology practice aimed at working the community to provide testing, psychoeducational workshops, and therapy under the name of CenterPoint Therapy Group. We are not yet operational and are in the initial phases of opening. CenterPoint Therapy Group is a private psychological practice offering outpatient therapy and psychological assessments in the form of individual and group sessions, and psychoeducational workshops. Areas of focus include, but is not limited to family conflict, work stress, anxiety, depression, women's issues, health concerns, cultural awareness and emotional/physical/sexual abuse. CenterPoint Therapy Group will accept self-pay clients. We are not a Medicaid provider and will not be working with individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

Thank you in advance for providing feedback as to whether this presents an ethical issue. I may be contacted by phone at 318-451-7468, email at shawandasmith30@gmail.com. My Home address is 110 Coach Road Ball, LA 71405.

Thank you in advance.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shawanda M. Woods-Smith PsyD".

Shawanda M. Woods-Smith, PsyD

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Ethics Administrator

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Kathleen Allen

From: Shawanda Smith <shawandasmith30@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 7, 2021 2:10 PM
To: Kathleen Allen
Subject: Re: Requesting Advisory Opinion: Ethics Administrator
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Ms. Allen, I've attached the signed request for information along with the PSSC organizational chart for your review in the interest of this ethics inquiry.

Thank you in advance.

On Fri, Jul 30, 2021 at 2:24 PM Kathleen Allen <Kathleen.Allen@la.gov> wrote:

The Rules for the Board of Ethics require that a request for an advisory opinion be signed by the person requesting the opinion. Along with the information that you provided below, please attach an organizational chart for your agency to show the position you hold, along with additional information regarding the services provided at your public agency and the services to be provided at your company. If additional information is needed, the attorney to whom the matter will be assigned will contact you.

Also, the opinion will be specific as to you, unless you provide information regarding your partners and the position they hold at the public agency.

You may submit the signed request for the opinion to my attention via email or the address/fax below.

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